

## House Resolution No. 2168

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

**Whereas**, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Robert P. Ray lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Francine M. Hurst, during a solemn ceremony on April 27, 1957, at the All Souls Catholic Church in Overland, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Robert and Francine Ray have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include three children and their spouses, Cheryl and Kenny Layton, Ronald and Becky Ray, and John and Sheila Ray; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; and

**Whereas**, Robert Ray has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the KOA Alumni Association and a volunteer with the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Francine Ray has further distinguished herself by being a Republican Committee Chairperson, an Election Judge, and a member of the Daughters of Isabella and the KOA Alumni Association; and

**Whereas**, during their half century together, Robert and Francine Ray have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes, a few of which include landscaping their yard, traveling in the motorhome, and spending time with their loved ones; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Ray will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on April 22, 2007, at their home in Perryville:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Robert and Francine Ray and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Ray.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Steven Tilley  
District No. 106

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 2168, adopted April 17, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker